

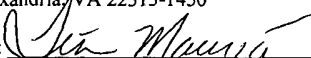
PARENT STATUS AND LOCATION: PENDING, GROUP ART UNIT 3621
PARENT SERIAL NO.: 09/596,085
EXAMINER: David Q. Le

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application

Applicant(s) Rudolf Maarten Bolle
Jonathan H. Connell
Nalini K. Ratha
Louis J. Louis J. Percello
Docket No.: YOR920000383US2
Serial No.: Unassigned
Assignee
Name: International Business
Machines Corporation
Assignee
Address: Armonk, New York

Title: Business System and Method Using a Distorted Biometrics

"Express Mail" Label No.: EV326908683US
I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U. S. Postal Service
"Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the
date indicated below and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Signature:  Date: July 21, 2003

PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

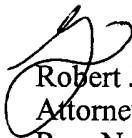
Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, dated June 19, 2003, hereby extending the period for response to the Office Action from June 19, 2003 to July 19, 2003.

A copy of the Response to Office Action is enclosed herewith. Please charge **IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 50-0510** the amount of \$110.00, to cover the surcharge under 37 CFR §1.136(a). In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 21, 2003


Robert J. Mauri
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 41,180
Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP
1300 Post Road, Suite 205
Fairfield, CT 06824
(203) 255-6560